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## Historical Commission Minutes 12-04-2001

**Arlington Historical Commission**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday,**  
**4 December 2001**  
**Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:30 PM**

Call to Order: Robert Botterio, presiding, with commissioners Eric Stange, Pamela Meister, JoAnn Robinson, and Michael Ruderman present; also secretary Lyz Carey.

Minutes of 7 November 2001: approved

Communications from Mr. Botterio:

Commissioners may subscribe to the email discussion list for preservation issues at the following web address:  
[masshistpres-request@cs.umb.edu](mailto:masshistpres-request@cs.umb.edu)

Decisions from last month's hearings, concerning work at 30 Academy Street and 34 Gray Street, have been sent to the Building Inspector, and the addresses included in the Projects list below.

Demolition requests concerning 50 Webcot and 94 Webster Streets did not involve inventoried properties.

The state Historical Commission has approved the request for a wireless communication antenna to be installed within the steeple of the Pleasant Street Congregational Church (75 Pleasant, at Maple Street).

John Sullivan, owner of 9 Willow Court, would like to install a fire escape on the left side (as viewed from the front elevation) of the building, and Mr. Botterio asks the commission to view the property to assess the impact of this addition. Also to view: 282 Mystic Street, for a garage to be attached primarily at the rear of the existing house.

### Review of Projects

125 Brattle Lane/Farmer's Lane (Colonial Ridge LLC) 11/99: Ms. Robinson has met with the developers and given them photographs of the exterior fabric of the farmhouse which is to be returned to its original condition.

1167 Mass. Ave. (Mirak) 9/00: Guthrie-no report.

23 Maple Street (Town of Arlington) 11/00: Robinson, Guthrie-no changes as yet.

45 Fairview Avenue (Trvalik) 12/00: Botterio-no activity.

19 Winter Street (McGlashing) 2/01: Ruderman-still no completion; Mr. Botterio to inquire.

9 Brantwood Road (Stainton) 5/01: Botterio-roof completed.

34 Gray Street (Carr) 11/01: Stange-work under way.

30 Academy Street [f. 20 Pelham Terrace] (McKee) 11/01: Robinson- not begun.

### Demolitions Pending

**7 Brattle Court (Freedom Development): August 1, 2001**

**5 Brattle Court (Freedom Development): November 8, 2001**

**962 Massachusetts Avenue (Rita Yegian, owner): November 8, 2001**

No changes from last month.

### Reports

Whittemore-Robbins House (and outbuildings): Carey-work continues. Contractors have been instructed to preserve as many of the original construction elements (wainscoting, mouldings and trim) as they can.

Arlington Civic Block Garden: Ms. Robinson will investigate moving a dogwood tree inappropriately added to the plantings behind Robbins Library.

Updates and Expansion to Inventory: Meister, Guthrie, Stange-photographing to begin soon.

Inventory of public buildings: Stange and Robinson-see above.

Affordable Housing Task Force: Mr. Stange to depart this group.

February 2002 Event: "Murder at Harvard" (formerly, "Murder of Dr. Parkman" ) broadcast-Mr. Guthrie will work on the details; March 2002 is better.

#### New Business

##### **8:00 PM - Formal Hearing: 24 Gray Street (Vernon Brown, Wendy Stewart, owners)**

This property, designed in 1903 by Julia Wright Chapman (one of a handful of woman architects in the country at the time, and a contributor to the 1903 Pan-American Exhibition), currently has a 1960s front doorway the owners wish to rebuild, incorporating window elements from the original design. At the same time, they would like to create a bay window next to this door similar to the one on the back of the house. New railings and crown mouldings will match the old ones. Finally, the owners wish to return a window to a closed-up opening on the side of the house. Sketches were submitted and reviewed for all of these projects.

The commission voted unanimously to approve the projects, which Mr. Stange will monitor.

In other new business, the commission re-examined the state of repairs to the town-owned Jarvis House (50 Pleasant Street), and will add this matter to next months Reports. Also discussed was the manner and procedures for future formal hearings.

Meetings for the new year 2002 are scheduled as follows, all to commence at 7:30 PM here at the Whittemore-Robbins House: January 8, February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, and July 2. This meeting was close at 9:45 PM.

For the Arlington Historical Commission,  
A. Michael Ruderman, Commissioner